

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE FOUNDATION

### HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation on its 50th anniversary.

On Friday September 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot by anarchist Leon Czolgosz during a trip to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Closely monitoring the situation from a family vacation in the Adirondack Mountains, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt traveled to Buffalo to pay his respects when it became apparent that President McKinley would not survive his injuries. President McKinley died the day of Roosevelt's arrival, on Saturday, September 14, 1901.

It was only a matter of hours before the Vice President assumed the Office of the President of the United States. That same day, Vice President Roosevelt was sworn in as president at the residence of his close friend, and an esteemed lawyer, Mr. Ansley Wilcox, located at 641 Delaware Avenue. In taking his Oath of Office, Roosevelt declared, "In this hour of deep and terrible national bereavement, I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue, absolutely without variance, the policy of President McKinley, for the peace and honor of our beloved country."

In conjunction with the National Park Service, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation has maintained the residence on Delaware Avenue since 1971, with several missions in mind. First and foremost, the foundation strives to uphold educational dialogues around the Roosevelt Presidency, ranging from the inauguration itself to his life, policy choices, and legacy. The foundation also highlights the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, which introduced Buffalo to the world as the first electrified city of light, powered by nearby Niagara Falls. More generally, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation highlights a period in Western New York's history when it served the country as an industrial powerhouse filled with driven, creative individuals seeking to build a new and better future.

Today, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation offers a variety of programs and experiences that aim to preserve the legacy of President Roosevelt. The foundation displays a variety of exhibits and showcases within the home that examine Roosevelt's inauguration and time in office. Tours are offered at the nearby museum, as well as at sites of importance across the City of Buffalo. The foundation also hosts a "Speaker Nite" series of events, inviting esteemed individuals to explore issues of significance from President Roosevelt's tenure and share how these issues remain relevant today.

I thank the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation for its commitment to preserving the unique history of the Western New York region, and I again congratulate the foundation on its 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING MAKENNA PEED FOR WINNING FOUR STATE TRACK MEDALS

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize MaKenna Peed of Kewanee High School for winning four gold medals for Track in the IHSA State Competition.

MaKenna competed in the 100 meters (41.12 seconds), 200 meters (1:32.09), shot put (2.23 meters), and discus (5.28 meters), winning gold in all four events. She is also the first Kewanee High School athlete to medal in the Athletes with Disabilities Division. As a former student athlete, I admire and appreciate MaKenna's hard work and dedication to track. I am proud that she represented Kewanee High School and the community exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as MaKenna that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate MaKenna Peed on her success in Track while competing at the state level.

HONORING BERNARD A. BARTON, JR., IN CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernard A. Barton, Jr. on his retirement from the Library of Congress and to thank him for nearly three decades of dedicated public service.

Following his service as a U.S. Air Force officer, Mr. Barton spent his career at the intersection of knowledge and technology. As Deputy Chief Information Officer for the North Carolina National Guard, Mr. Barton designed the agency's disaster recovery and continuity of operations capabilities, ensuring the Guard can meet its "Always Ready" motto. As Chief Information Officer for the Defense Technical Information Center, Mr. Barton ensured that the Department of Defense's largest library had the IT infrastructure necessary to "fuse science and technology data" and "reliably deliver the knowledge needed to develop the next generation of technologies to support our Warfighters and help assure national security."

In 2015, Mr. Barton took on what Fortune Magazine labeled maybe the "hardest job in tech," serving as the Chief Information Officer for the Library of Congress. Since then, he has ably guided the nation's oldest federal cultural institution through a complete technological overhaul. With aplomb, he oversaw the centralization of Library technology activities; fostered the creation of an agency-wide digital strategy; and marshalled efforts to optimize and modernize the Library's IT infrastructure and critical IT business systems. Under his leadership, the Library completed a three-year Data Center Transformation, embracing the best of traditional IT services and the Cloud to ensure a stable, flexible, scalable foundation

for the future. He also completely revamped IT security, and successfully addressed more than 100 major technology recommendations identified by Congress and the GAO.

Through it all, he has been a transparent, proactive, and enthusiastic partner for Members of Congress, our staff, and our constituents. He has responded to our inquiries and ideas with the resolute assurance that technology will not be a problem for our Library.

The impact of these changes cannot be overstated. As the world's largest library and home of both the Congressional Research Service and the U.S. Copyright Office, the Library of Congress stands as a beacon of knowledge and creativity the world over. Mr. Barton leaves the Library a stronger, more digitally enabled institution that is better prepared than ever to serve the needs of Congress, researchers, and all Americans.

Please join me in wishing Mr. Barton a well-deserved retirement after a lifetime of faithful public service.

RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN—  
JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

### HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the views submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah:

The Jewish High Holy Days, also known as the Days of Awe, are a ten-day period commencing with the New Year of Rosh Hashana and concluding with the Day of Atonement of Yom Kippur. With humble Biblical roots and profound Rabbinic transformation, it is a sacred vehicle and opportunity set aside for inspiring soul-searching and heroic resolve to mend the brokenness of the human heart and do our called upon share, individually and collectively, to repair and heal our inner world as well as the outer one. Quite a tall order but a compelling one!

The celebration this season takes place against the onerous backdrop of a threatening gathering cloud of anti-Semitism—the world's oldest and most resistant virus—at home and abroad as critical American democracy, alarmingly violated on 1/6, along with the unresolved burden of shameful Black slavery, lingering racism toward minorities, urban unrest and a ravaging global pandemic with the State of Israel begrudged its rightful responsibility to protect its citizens from those intent on obliterating the only sovereign Jewish country while denying the monumental Holocaust. What a perfect storm scenario for the resurrection of history's worst images of hatred for the Other.

The High Holy Days, peak Jewish religious experience, offer a reflective mirror into an ancient people's awesome spiritual odyssey enabling it to somehow survive history's high waves of relentless tsunamis through offering humanity noble teachings and indispensable lessons. On Rosh Hashanah 5782 (Based on calculating the generations enumerated in the Biblical Genesis) as we celebrate the world's creation, our prayerful focus is not only on the wonder of the unfathomable acts of creation, but no less on the confounding complexity of human relationships. Our Biblical heroes, unlike the Greek ones, are flesh and blood creatures who both succeed and succumb, contending with blessings as well as blemishes.